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Applicant(s) : Okuyama et al.
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AND METHOD FOR
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Examiner : Unknown
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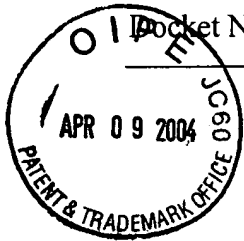
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with 6 references.
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 6 references. Copies of disclosed U.S. patents and/or publications are not included pursuant to PTO waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for applications filed after June 30, 2003. Copies of other references, if listed, are enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (IF APPROPRIATE)
	1	5,209,682	5/11/93	Duning et al.	440	2	
	2	5,295,877	3/22/94	Kanno	440	2	
	3	5,366,394	11/22/94	Kanno	440	2	
	4	5,606,952	3/4/97	Kanno et al.	123	413	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	5	6-26878	2/4/94	Japan w/English abstract				

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)	
	6	International Standard, ISO 11783-5, First edition 5-01-2001, Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry-Serial control and communications data network, Part 5: Network management

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